

GALT TRAFFIC



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NEXT MEETING

SAT., DEC. 18 AT 10:00 AM AT GALT

A year ago this month 15 or 20 of us showed up for a little field trip to have a look at Jim Liss' RotorWay 162F project and Mike and Brian Kelly's RV-8 project (in McHenry and Johnsburg, respectively). Well it's time to see what's happened over the past twelve months. We'll meet at the Chapter building at Galt at 10 AM Saturday then go have a look. Afterwards we'll have lunch in McHenry and have an informal meeting over chow. You'll have all your Christmas shopping done by then, so come and join us!

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND JANUARY MEETING

We haven't had good luck with a Chapter Christmas Party/Dinner. Everybody says the same thing, "There's just too much going on in December". Well, this year we're going to scratch the "Christmas Party" and instead try something in January which is a "sleeper" month for most of us. The January meeting will be held at Galt in the evening (in the nice warm office building) where we'll have a pasta pot luck dinner -- at the airport, just like we used to do in the "old days". This will be the 3rd Saturday in January, the 15th, at 7 PM. See next month's issue of *Galt Traffic* for complete details.

CAN YOU FLY -- WELL?

They say people who don't read are no better off than people who *can't* read. One might add that people who don't fly are no better off than people who can't fly, and if you don't fly long enough, you'll find that you *can't* -- at least, not well! Don't let anyone tell you "it's just like riding a bicycle; if you ever once could, you'll always be able to". Don't let winter be an excuse to not stay current. Remember, "The best pilots are the ones that fly the most." - Chuck Yeager

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FIRST SOLOS AND NEW RATINGS

Congratulations to *Mary Harris* on her first solo flight, November 28, 1999. And congratulations to new Private Pilots *Ciro Cetrangolo*, *Barb Krohn*, *John O'hara* and *Scott VandenBroek*. May you always have a tail wind (en route only) and may the runway rise to meet you (gently).

MINUTES OF THE NOV 20 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Nine members attended. The attendance roster is on file with the secretary. A quorum was not present. Several items were discussed: the Christmas Party, moving our meetings to second Saturdays to coincide with Young Eagles Days and ways to improve attendance, at meetings, especially in the winter. Any ideas?

After a general clean up of our area, we moved all the tables, chairs, gas grills, etc. to the west barn where we got them under plastic for the winter, then adjourned to lunch in Wonder Lake.

You are reminded that we will be having an election of officers and directors in May. A nominating committee will be appointed in January. Please be thinking about candidates -- how about you? The future of our chapter depends on, not one or two doing a lot, but several each doing a little.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Hill, Secretary

LET'S ALL WISH THIS FOR OURSELVES!

Retired (1959) TWA pilot Ralph Charles celebrated his 100th Birthday last month by flying his Aeronca from his backyard strip. At his Party, Ralph played the pipe-organ that he had built himself. He will be a guest on the Dave Letterman Show 12/13/99 and he will have an extended interview with Willard Scott on the Today Show 12/17/99. He will record a PBS segment for an upcoming Aviation History program.

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DECEMBER FLY-IN CALENDAR

Call ahead for Details

Dec 18 Chapter Meeting 10AM Visit Jim Liss and Mike and Brian Kelly for an update on their projects, then lunch in McHenry.

.....And looking ahead.....
(EAA 932 Meets on 3rd Saturdays, 10 AM at Galt)

Apr 9-15 Sun 'n Fun EAA Fly-In, Lakeland, FL.

Jun 3 AOPA Fly-In Fredrick, MD.

Jul 24-25 U.S. Air & Trade Show Dayton, OH.

Jul 24-30 Farnborough Int'l Expo Farnborough, UK.

Jul 26-Aug 1 EAA Airventure 2000 Oshkosh, WI.

Sep 14-17 Reno Air Races Reno, NV.

Oct 20-22 AOPA Expo 2000 Long Beach, CA.

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Firsts in Aviation from the Montgolfiers to the Wright Brothers

1782 First balloon flight. Jacques and Joseph Montgolfier of Annonay, France, sent up a small smoke-filled balloon about mid-November.

1783 First hydrogen-filled balloon flight. Jacques A. C. Charles, Paris physicist, supervised construction by A. J. and M. N. Robert of a 13-ft diameter balloon that was filled with hydrogen. It got up to about 3,000 ft and traveled about 16 mi. in a 45-min flight (Aug. 27).

First human balloon flights. A Frenchman, Jean Pilâtre de Rozier made the first captive-balloon ascension (Oct. 15). With the Marquis d'Arlandes, Pilâtre de Rozier made the first free flight, reaching a peak altitude of about 500 ft, and traveling about 5 1/2 mi. in 20 min (Nov. 21).

1784 First powered balloon. Gen. Jean Baptiste Marie Meusnier developed the first propeller-driven and elliptically-shaped balloon—the crew cranking three propellers on a common shaft to give the craft a speed of about 3 mph.

First woman to fly. Mme. Thible, a French opera singer (June 4).

1793 First balloon flight in America. Jean Pierre Blanchard, a French pilot, made it from Philadelphia to near Woodbury, Gloucester County, N.J., in a little over 45 min (Jan. 9).

1794 First military use of the balloon. Jean Marie Coutelle, using a balloon built for the French Army, made two 4-hr observation ascents. The military purpose of the ascents seems to have been to damage the enemy's morale.

1797 First parachute jump. André-Jacques Garnerin dropped from about 6,500 ft over Monceau Park in

Paris in a 23-ft diameter parachute made of white canvas with a basket attached (Oct. 22).

1843 First air transport company. In London, William S. Henson and John Stringfellow filed articles of incorporation for the Aerial Transit Company (March 24). It failed.

1852 First dirigible. Henri Giffard, a French engineer, flew in a controllable (more or less) steam-engine powered balloon, 144 ft long and 39 ft in diameter, inflated with 88,000 cu ft of coal gas. It reached 6.7 mph on a flight from Paris to Trappe (Sept. 24).

1860 First aerial photographers. Samuel Archer King and William Black made two photos of Boston, still in existence.

1872 First gas-engine powered dirigible. Paul Haenlein, a German engineer, flew in a semi-rigid-frame dirigible, powered by a 4-cylinder internal-combustion engine running on coal gas drawn from the supporting bag.

1873 First transatlantic attempt. *The New York Daily Graphic* sponsored the attempt with a 400,000 cu ft balloon carrying a lifeboat. A rip in the bag during inflation brought collapse of the balloon and the project.

1897 First successful metal dirigible. An all-metal dirigible, designed by David Schwarz, a Hungarian, took off from Berlin's Tempelhof Field and, powered by a 16-hp Daimler engine, got several miles before leaking gas caused it to crash (Nov. 13).

1900 First Zeppelin flight. Germany's Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin flew the first of his long series of rigid-frame airships. It attained a speed of 18 mi. per h and got 3 1/2 mi. before its steering gear failed (July 2).

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-- Next month, from the Wright Brothers to 1920

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

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